

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: RE: Hotline 2019-0045 Referral
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 8:50:07 AM

Good morning,

I discussed with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OPR will take this one for action.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 6:14 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Hotline 2019-0045 Referral

Good Evening Everyone,

Attached is Hotline Referral 2019-0045 for your review.

Thank you!

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

November 14, 2018

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Office of Inspector General Hotline Complaint 2019-0045

FROM:

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Hotline Manager
Headquarters, Office of Inspector General

TO:

Alan Larsen
Counsel to the Inspector General
Office of Counsel

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Hotline received two documents from the Correspondence Management System concerning individuals impersonating EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler.

A copy of the documents and additional information is included in the attachment.

I am forwarding this information for your office to review and to determine the correct response or action for the Office of Inspector General. If you have any further questions, please call me at (202) (b) (6).

Attachment:

Correspondence Management System

Control Number: AX-19-000-0161

Printing Date: October 12, 2018

Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: (b) (6)

Organization: N/A

Address: Address Unknown

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-19-000-0161

Alternate Number: N/A

Status: Appropriate Action

Closed Date: N/A

Due Date: Oct 24, 2018

of Extensions: 0

Letter Date: Oct 7, 2018

Received Date: Oct 7, 2018

Addressee: AAD-Acting Administrator

Addressee Org: EPA

Contact Type: EML (E-Mail)

Priority Code: Normal

Signature: ASAP - As appropriate

Signature Date: N/A

File Code: 401_1006_a Administrative Management - Controlled and major correspondence for employees other than senior officials

Subject: Fraudulent acts impersonating the Acting Administrator on social media

Instructions: AR - ACTION REQUIRED - Please take the action requested in this communication.

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

State-Tribal CNTL: N/A

CC: N/A

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
(b) (6)	OEX	OIG	Oct 9, 2018	Oct 24, 2018	N/A
Instruction: AR - ACTION REQUIRED - Please take the action requested in this communication.					

Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

Supporting Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date
No Record Found.			

History

Action By	Office	Action	Date
(b) (6)	OEX	Assign OECA as lead office	Oct 9, 2018

Correspondence Management System

Control Number: AX-19-000-0161

Printing Date: October 12, 2018

Action By	Office	Action	Date
(b) (6)	OECA	Accepted the group assignment	Oct 9, 2018
(b) (6)	OECA	Sent to (b) (6) for Reassignment Request	Oct 9, 2018
(b) (6)	OEX	Request for Reassignment Approved	Oct 9, 2018
(b) (6)	OEX	Assign OIG as lead office	Oct 9, 2018

Comments

Commentator	Comment	Date
(b) (6)	This does not belong to OECA. Please refer this to the OIG.	Oct 9, 2018

Date: Tue Oct 09 09:48:37 EDT 2018

From: (b) (6) @epamail.epa.gov

To: (b) (6) >

Subject: FW: (b) (6) - from Region 9 Burbank California

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 1:48:37 PM (UTC+00:00) (b) (6)

To: (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

Subject: FW: (b) (6) - from Region 9 Burbank California

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2018 4:49 AM

To: Wheeler, Andrew (b) (6) @epa.gov>

Subject: (b) (6) from Region 9 Burbank California

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

I hope this email finds you with well wishes.

I've been following your work since you were selected by President Trump as the EPA Admin. in April after Mr. Pruitt resigned. So I began following you on what I thought was your Facebook page. But unfortunately a very dishonest person was impersonating you. Mr. Wheeler I know you are a very busy man so I won't take up too much of your time. But as a supporter of Pres.Trump and yourself I thought it my duty to let you know. I caught this person red handed and he actually confessed to this Fraudulent scam. I felt extremley used and hurt. Which soon turned to anger. I actually thought I was speaking with you. This man went so far as to send me photos of you. They appear to be taken from your twitter page. This man tried to extort money from me claiming a charity for African children that you were involved with on one occasion. And on the other he was foolish enough to claim he needed an iphone for his son. That's when I knew for sure he was lying about his identity. So i called his bluff and asked him to video chat with me which of course he declined. I exposed him as a fraud and he confessed. I wish there were a way to stop these "fake" accounts on social media. I think more needs to be done by Facebook, Google and Twitter. I'm very sorry this happened to you and to me. It's not a good feeling to know that someone has taken advantage of you. For their own selfish reasons. I reported this case to Facebook and Google Hangouts. But Google could care less. They never replied to me and this is standard practice for them. Facebook did acknowledge my request to investigate the account as Fraudulent but only after my second request. But they never explained further as to there being a criminal complaint or charge in progress. I'm sure there will be none. So this type of Fraud can just continue with no consequences for these scammers. Impersonating a Government Official should have serious consequences. I respect our president and his cabinet for doing the important work for the country. Including the EPA and its administrator.

Thank you for your very important time Mr. Wheeler.

I thought you should know that I saved this persons texts and emails as proof including his confession to committing these fraudulent acts as he also created a fraudulent email address through gmail as (b) (6) @gmail.com which he is still using as far as I know.

(b) (6)

Burbank, California

email: (b) (6)

Sent from my iPad

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6)
To: (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: CMS New Assignment - (b) (6) AX-19-000-0161
Date: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 11:49:29 AM

Done.

Thanks (b) (6)

(b) (6)
Special Assistant
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW MC 2201A
Washington, DC 20460

Office: (b) (6) | Cell: (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 11:46 AM
To: (b) (6) @epa.gov>
Cc: (b) (6) @epa.gov>; (b) (6) @epa.gov>; (b) (6) @epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS New Assignment (b) (6) AX-19-000-0161

Please request reassignment through CMS with the notes below. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2018 11:41 AM
To: (b) (6) @epa.gov>
Cc: (b) (6) @epa.gov>; (b) (6) @epa.gov>; (b) (6) @epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CMS New Assignment - (b) (6) AX-19-000-0161

(b) (6)

This control AX-19-000-0161 and control AX-19-000-0163 do not belong to OECA. I spoke with (b) (6) (OECA DAA) and he suggests that these 2 controls be referred to the OIG.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

(b) (6)

Special Assistant
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW MC 2201A
Washington, DC 20460

Office: (b) (6) Cell: (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 11:05 AM

To: (b) (6) <(b) (6)@epa.gov>; (b) (6) <(b) (6)@epa.gov>; (b) (6) <(b) (6)@epa.gov>; (b) (6) <(b) (6)@epa.gov>; (b) (6) <(b) (6)@epa.gov>

(b) (6) <(b) (6)@epa.gov>

Subject: CMS New Assignment - (b) (6) - AX-19-000-0161

Control AX-19-000-0161 has been assigned to your office on 10/9/18 11:04 AM by (b) (6). Please go to the CMS webpage to view the details of the control.

Summary Information -

Control Number: AX-19-000-0161

Control Subject: Fraudulent acts impersonating the Acting Administrator on social media

From: (b) (6)

Note: This Email was automatically generated. Please do not attempt to respond to it. You can access this control at <https://cms.epa.gov/cms>. Questions or comments concerning CMS should be directed to CMS Support at 202-564-4985 or CMS Information@epa.gov.

Correspondence Management System

Control Number: AX-19-000-0163

Printing Date: October 12, 2018

Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: (b) (6)

Organization: N/A
Address: Address Unknown

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-19-000-0163 **Alternate Number:** N/A
Status: Appropriate Action **Closed Date:** N/A
Due Date: Oct 24, 2018 **# of Extensions:** 0
Letter Date: Oct 7, 2018 **Received Date:** Oct 7, 2018
Addressee: AAD-Acting Administrator **Addressee Org:** EPA
Contact Type: EML (E-Mail) **Priority Code:** Normal
Signature: ASAP - As appropriate **Signature Date:** N/A
File Code: 401_1006_a Administrative Management - Controlled and major correspondence for employees other than senior officials
Subject: Confidential Email to Mr. Wheeler from (b) (6)
Instructions: AR - ACTION REQUIRED - Please take the action requested in this communication.
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
State-Tribal CNTL: N/A
CC: N/A

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
(b) (6)	OEX	OIG	Oct 9, 2018	Oct 24, 2018	N/A
Instruction: AR - ACTION REQUIRED - Please take the action requested in this communication.					

Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

Supporting Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date
No Record Found.			

History

Action By	Office	Action	Date
(b) (6)	OEX	Assign OECA as lead office	Oct 9, 2018

Correspondence Management System

Control Number: AX-19-000-0163

Printing Date: October 12, 2018

Action By	Office	Action	Date
(b) (6)	OECA	Accepted the group assignment	Oct 9, 2018
(b) (6)	OECA	Sent to (b) (6) for Reassignment Request	Oct 9, 2018
(b) (6)	OEX	Request for Reassignment Approved	Oct 9, 2018
(b) (6)	OEX	Assign OIG as lead office	Oct 9, 2018

Comments

Commentator	Comment	Date
(b) (6)	This controls does not belong to OECA. Please refer this control to OIG.	Oct 9, 2018

Date: Tue Oct 09 09:55:02 EDT 2018

From: (b) (6)

To: (b) (6)

Subject: FW: Confidential Email to Mr. wheeler from (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 1:55:01 PM (UTC+00:00) (b) (6)

To: CMS.OEX

Subject: FW: Confidential Email to Mr. wheeler from (b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, October 07, 2018 5:27 AM

To: Wheeler, Andrew (b) (6) @epa.gov>

Subject: Confidential Email to Mr. wheeler from (b) (6)

Mr. Wheeler, here is the email I received from the man that was impersonating you. In my first email to you i stated the email he was using incorrectly. The corrected email profile name he was using through gmail was (b) (6) @gmail.com (b) (6) @gmail.com> . i apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Sent from my iPad

(b) (6)

Begin forwarded message:

From: (b) (6) @gmail.com (b) (6) @gmail.com> >

Date: October 5, 2018 at 6:08:16 PM PDT

To: (b) (6)

Subject: Re: I really never planned to hurt you (b) (6)

Good evening to the world most funniest lady, I guess you are already at home now, i hope you are having a great evening.. (b) (6) i truly don't know what to say and how to say this, ever since i met you, you've been so friendly and open to me, you truly and really have changed the person i am.. I always find happiness and you always make me smile whenever i am talking to you on social media.. I truly and really wished you were part of my family honestly speaking.. I really didn't mean to do this to you, as am writing to you right now, am in tears, it's really not my fault doing this, it's the present situation of my country and current predicament i find myself but i really didn't mean to scam you, i thought of it because you've been so nice to me since i met you.. I'm a graduate and i graduated from the department of computer science and i have all my results and documents with me, i graduated since 3years ago with a good result but still, no job. There is a trending saying in my country that says and i quote "if you don't have connections, even with your certificate, there is nothing for you". My dea (b) (6) my country is so blessed and it has all it takes make our youths better but the persons in the government houses are misusing the the wealth of the country, as a citizen by birth of a country, you all to enjoy and benefit from your country but right in the country i am now, we don't receive anything or benefits from our country and by so doing, they are damaging and destroying our lifes as youths, thats why you find so many guys doing scan and frauding people just to earn a living for themselves and their families.. Of a truth (b) (6) i just started this year after enough searching of job..

(b) (6) i really truly don't know how to apologize to you but please have mercy and forgive me, even if you won't talk to me anymore, i really honestly missed the moments we had together and our chats and thanks so much for always making me smile and happy. I would have love to give you my real identity and information but I'm scared of you reporting me to the FBI.. Right now as am writing to you, my mother, my 6 sisters, my 2 brothers and you are the only hope i have right now. I included you because you are really more than a family to me and am really ready to expose all the fake accounts and pages and how they operate to you, so you won't fall a victim. I really don't want find pleasure in scaming people but am doing this to sustain with my family..

I lost my dad when i was 2years of aged, I didn't even have that fatherly care, since then, my mother has been the one taking care of the rest of us. You know how what it means for a single woman to take care of 9children, it has really not been easy for my mom, so i was looking forward to make her proud but the present situation of my country does not want me to make her happy in return for being there for me throughout my academics.. Please (b) (6) i know i do not deserve to be forgiven but please have a place in your to forgive me, even if you can't forgive me but please forgive me because of (b) (6) .. Please.

From (b) (6)

TO

(b) (6)

(b) (6) Honestly speaking eh, am really missing Your chats and the little moments we had together on social media and i will forever be so delighted and glad, even more happier to read from you and please don't forget to always take very good care of yourself and always stay safe okay!! Smiling .. Funny (b) (6) i truly missed you.

On 4 Oct 2018 12:16 (b) (6) > > wrote:

i knew you wouldn't have the courage to reply to my email or text messages. Who ever you are you must think you're very clever but you're not. You are a fraud and a fool. You tried to put a scheme together before pretending to be a green beret in Afghanistan. And you asked me for money then as well. i knew you wouldn't video chat with me. Because you would then have to reveal your "real self". You take pleasure in hurting people. for whatever reason. How dare you try to stab me in the back. You are nothing but a low life spineless weasel trying to bilk me . how many others have you done this to? i really thought you might actually care about me. But i was so wrong. I don't understand why you had to do that ??? I have no idea who you really are. why did you say you would help my husband?? When someone plays with your emotions like that ...it's wrong on every level. Why are you so selfish? You know everything about me. but I know nothing about you. You never told me anything about you. But you asked me many personal questions. Like how much money i make at my job. Why did you ask? Did i ask you that . why did you keep pressuring me about sending money by western union to a so called charity in Africa. Funny you actually think I'm going to give you my bank account number so you can pay me back. lol. you should seriously pull your head out of your ass. that story about your son needing an Iphone ??? wow really. Let me give you some advice ok. you need to learn how to lie a lot better. That was the lamest lie so far from you. lawyers dont ask people for money. the fact nor do they ask for money but then try to brag about being rich. who says that? Who would say such a stupid thing. brag about mansions and cars. Fuck off. If thats true why ask me for money. well here's a news flash buddy... i can be a cold Bitch when someone crosses me ...but I actually thought you were someone of good character. But there are red flags. And i did see them. And to think you actually wanted to meet me. Why would you play me that way?? At least have the backbone to confess. you could still apologize to me for being a user. A real man would never do this to me. and i truly wanted to meet you in person. I really really liked you and enjoyed our chats for the most part. Really looked forward to it. But i feel really used. And that's not a good feeling. at all.

Well all i can say is if I did ever meet you in person ...i would spit in your face for hurting me. you are a predator. and a con artist.

Sent from my iPad

(b) (6)

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Subject: RE: CMS New Assignment - (b) (6) - AX-19-000-0161
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OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL

November 16, 2018

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Office of Inspector General Hotline Complaint 2019-0045

FROM:

(b) (6)

Hotline Manager
Headquarters, Office of Inspector General

(b) (6)

TO:

(b) (6)

Acting Assistant Inspector General
Office of Investigations

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